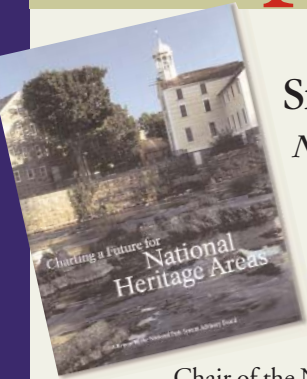


ANHA Alliance Update

November 2006



Significant Report on Future of National Heritage Areas Released *National Park System Advisory Board Leads Partnership Effort*

The National Park System Advisory Board presented the report: *Charting the Future of National Heritage Areas* at an event in the U.S. Capitol. The event featured remarks from Senator Craig Thomas,

Chair of the National Parks Subcommittee, Fran Mainella, NPS Director and Dayton Sherrouse, Chairman of the ANHA Board of Directors.

"This report offers sound strategies and compelling recommendations for strengthening the heritage development movement," ANHA Chairman Sherrouse stated. "National Heritage Areas have crafted an impressive network of corporate, non-profit, educational, state, regional, and local partners to conserve, commemorate, and celebrate our distinct landscapes and cultural assets".

Some of the recommendations highlighted in the report:

Establish a legislative foundation for a

system of National Heritage Areas in the National Park Service
Develop policies, including performance measures, and a process for partnership peer review of National Heritage Areas by practitioners in NPS and ANHA

Annie Harris, ANHA Program Chair and Rep. John F. Tierney applaud the release of Charting A Future for National Heritage Areas



Partner with the Alliance of National Heritage Areas to provide educational opportunities on partnership practices

Share the lessons learned by the National Park Service in its role as listener and convener in National Heritage Areas with related National Park System Advisory Board initiatives

Invest in research on National Heritage Areas to better understand the process of collaborative conservation, partnership networks, and the outcomes of designation on regional economies and community development initiatives

The full report is available by visiting www.nps.gov/policy/NHAreport.htm



Alliance of National Heritage Areas Board of Directors, staff and partners celebrate the release of the report in the U.S. Capitol



Senator Thomas emphasizes the importance of National Heritage Areas

Ten new National Heritage Areas join the National Heritage Development Network

On September 29, the Senate passed S. 203, the National Heritage Areas Act of 2006. On October 12, the President signed the bill, which adds ten new national heritage areas, including three in the West. There are now 37 National Heritage Areas across 27 states.

Welcome to the new National Heritage Areas!

Over the next several years, the local management entities of these National Heritage Areas will work closely with their national park partners, other federal agencies, and state and local partners to develop a management plan to conserve and interpret their regions' nationally significant stories and resources.

- ★ Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area (NJ)
- ★ Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area (MA and CT)
- ★ Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (NY and VT)
- ★ Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area (GA)
- ★ Atchafalaya National Heritage Area (LA)
- ★ Gullah/Geechee Heritage Corridor (NC, SC, GA, and FL)
- ★ Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area (KS and MO)
- ★ Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (UT)
- ★ Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area (NM)
- ★ Great Basin National Heritage Route (UT and NV)

News from the Heritage Areas

Oil Region National Heritage Area

is highlighted in October's edition of Conservation Successes. Cooperation between the National Park Service and state and local partners has enabled the opening and dedication of six miles of the Allegheny River Trail. For the full story, visit

<http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/successes>



The Georgetown Times (Georgetown, South Carolina) covers the passage of the **Gullah/Geechee National Heritage Corridor bill (S. 203)** in its October 1 issue. The article highlights the unique history of the area, as well as the ramifications of the new bill. This new National Heritage Corridor is centered on the Gullah and Geechee cultures—products of African, Caribbean, and European influence—stretching from North Carolina to Florida. For information on the Special Resource Study: <http://www.nps.gov/sero/planning/>

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Preservation and Management Plan received an award as a 2006 Outstanding Planning Project under the category of Comprehensive Planning: For a Regionally Based Plan from the American Planning Association, New York Upstate Chapter. This National Heritage Area also has also recently published its first unigrid map

brochure. For more information on the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, visit www.eriecanalway.org

The Blue Ridge National Heritage Area

has announced that with their funding support from a Heritage Area grant, The Crossnore School, a non-profit children's home in Avery County, has completed a new museum to showcase its historic Weaving Room, "where the looms live."

The Weaving Room at Crossnore School was founded in 1920 by Mary Martin Sloop to preserve the ancient craft and to provide an income source for many mountain families. The present building was constructed in 1935-36 after a fire totally destroyed the Weaving Program's prior home—children from the school took rocks from the Linville River to build it. The "studio/museum" area of the building was added in 1986. "We knew we needed and wanted to do a museum to preserve this valuable heritage," said Laura Laughridge, Director of Advancement and Compliance, "but there was no money in the school's budget for anything not directly related to the care of our children. So we had to get creative to find funding, and we are grateful to the Heritage Area for its support."

The project included renovating the interior of the building, installing new ceilings, lighting and flooring, painting the walls, and building display cases and exhibits. "We have some very skilled people at Crossnore who did a lot of the



construction," she said. "This project has drawn more people into the Weaving Room," Laura continued.

"The weavers tell me that people come in and read

everything—some even look at the pictures and cry—these are their family members and loved ones."

The Weaving Room Museum is open Monday – Saturday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. There are no admission fees, but The Crossnore School invites visitors to purchase items from the Weaving Room's retail shop and welcomes any contributions toward its mission of helping abused, abandoned and neglected children. For more information, visit

<http://www.crossnoreschool.org>.

To subscribe to the Blue Ridge's monthly ebulletin, visit

<http://www.blueridgeheritage.com>.

On October 20, 2006, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places and Cane River National Heritage Area Commission, in partnership with the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, launched the latest NPS Discover our Shared Heritage Travel Itinerary, the **Cane River National Heritage Area**. Located in northwestern Louisiana, the Heritage Area is a largely rural, agricultural landscape along 35 miles of the Cane River. The itinerary includes descriptions of 32 historic places and their importance in

American history, photos, maps, contextual essays, and tourism information to allow the visitor to get an understanding of the region's rich cultural history. To view the itinerary, visit

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/index.htm>



LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks

(Thomas) will hold a hearing on November 15 on **S. 2148**, a bill to direct the Secretary



of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the **Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor** in Alabama and Georgia, and for other purposes; and **S. 2645**, to designate the **Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area** [Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia], and for other purposes. For a list of all Heritage Areas bills introduced in the 109th Congress, visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas>

OTHER NEWS



The Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance seeks a Programs Manager. This is a full-time position for the newly formed Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance, Inc. (SCVHA), which is seeking Congressional designation of a Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area in southern Arizona, and whose mission is connecting

people to the cultural, historic, and natural treasures of the Santa Cruz Valley through education, preservation and promotion of its unique resources. For additional information

on the proposed National Heritage Area and a list of job related Qualifications, Duties and Responsibilities visit their website at www.santacruzheritage.org. Application review begins November 3, 2006.



Publications and Resources

The Heritage Development Institute will hold its first Advanced Workshop on November 16th at Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg, VA from 9 am to 2:30 pm. The sessions, taught by executive directors from state and National Heritage Areas, will focus on subjects of interest to maturing heritage areas, including Building Capacity, Development and Fundraising, Board Development, and Measuring Success. The workshop is sponsored by the NPS Northeast Region and the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, and hosted by Journey Through Hallowed Ground. Attendance is free, but limited to the first 40 registrants. You must pre-register before November 13th by sending your name, title, organization, address, phone and email to John Cosgrove at anha.cosgrove@adelphia.net.

The Conservation Fund is pleased and excited to announce its upcoming offering of Balancing Nature and Commerce in Communities that Neighbor Public Lands, January 29 - February 1, 2007, at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV. During this 4-day course teams will focus on the economics, natural resources and community character of their area and learn valuable partnership building skills. At the end of the four days, teams will leave with a specific action plan for implementing a collaborative project in their community. Participants attend in teams of approximately 4 – 7 members consisting of public land managers, others in public agency/service roles, citizens, and local business representatives.



Course objectives:

- Describe the social, political, and economic characteristics of communities and their public land neighbors
- Identify the benefits of protecting and enhancing natural, cultural and visual resources of communities
- Describe approaches to land use and community planning that provide common ground for conservation and development interests
- Identify opportunities for developing partnerships between communities and neighboring public land managers

Each team must submit an application. Applications are available online at <http://www.conservationfund.org/?article=2483&back=true> and from Margarita Carey: 304-876-7924, mcarey@conservationfund.org. Application deadline: December 8, 2006.

For more information on heritage areas, please visit our websites.

The Alliance Update is a partnership project of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas and the National Park Service National Heritage Areas Program.

Send your heritage area events and news to the editor by the 18th of the month for inclusion in the following month's bulletin.

Please forward this bulletin to others who may be interested, and encourage them to join our e-bulletin address list.

- A special thanks to Jolene L.U. Smith, who compiled the news for this month's Alliance Update.
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Conferences and Events



Plans are well underway for the **2007 International Heritage Development Conference in the MotorCities national Heritage Area**, Detroit, Michigan.

This stimulating and resourceful forum, to be held June 17th through June 21st, 2007, offers us a unique opportunity to engage each other in a stimulating dialogue focused on the creative and interesting field of heritage development.

For more information, please visit
www.nationalheritageareas.org

Announcing the **10th US/ICOMOS International Symposium: Balancing Culture, Conservation, and Economic Development: Heritage Tourism in and around the Pacific Rim** and call for papers, April 19-21, 2007. Hosted by the Architectural Resources Group and the Presidio Trust. An international conference involving all countries surrounding the Pacific Rim, this conference seeks to "identify and publicize effective or innovative models for heritage tourism management and successful master plans and planning documents that address challenges of tourist visitation to historical and cultural sites and their ultimate sustainability."

US / ICOMOS issues this universal call for abstracts that discuss the basic themes of culture, conservation, and economics as related to heritage tourism within the Pacific Rim. Additionally, the symposium will consider how experiences in the Pacific Rim relate to other regions of the world. Abstracts must be received by November 15, 2006.

For more information, visit
http://www.icomos.org/usicomos/Symposium/SYMP07/2007_Symposium_Call_for_Abstracts.htm



LACKAWANNA *Heritage Valley* A State and National Heritage Area

The story of the Lackawanna Heritage Valley is both unique and distinctly American. Settled in the early 1800s, the rugged frontier valley rapidly grew to be a hub of commerce and manufacturing because of the enormous anthracite coal



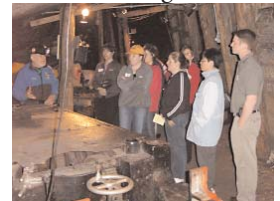
reserves just below the surface. The Pennsylvania Anthracite Region eventually produced 80 percent of the world's anthracite coal, a clean, hot-burning fuel that was perfect for running machines and building empires.

The huge coal industry, iron and steel production, railroading and railroad building, food processing, large-scale fabrication, and textiles all played a

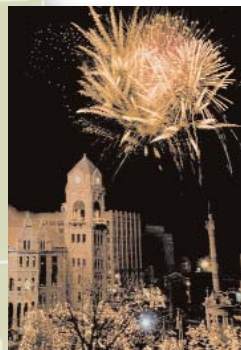
significant role in the area's growth. The region became the powerful engine that drove America's Industrial Revolution.

It also can be called America's immigrant destination. Between 1860 and 1910 industrial activity in the region expanded dramatically. The promise of the American Dream drew thousands of new immigrants to region, one of the most densely populated places of 19th century. In the process of supplying energy to the nation and the world, these new citizens built lives, families, communities, and a rich heritage.

In 1991, the Lackawanna Heritage Valley was named the first State Heritage Park in Pennsylvania, and in 2000, it was designated as a National Heritage Area by the U.S. Congress in recognition of the region's unique contribution to the American experience. A member of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas, the Lackawanna Heritage Valley encompasses the watershed area of the Lackawanna River in Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Luzerne counties, and is home to the Steamtown National Historic Site.



The Lackawanna Heritage Valley receives major partnership support for its activities from a wide network of partners that includes the National Park Service, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the County of Lackawanna and many local community-based organizations. These partnerships work to conserve and promote the region's heritage and natural resources, and to improve the economic vitality of the diverse communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania.



The Lackawanna Heritage Valley's partnerships have generated millions of dollars for the local economy by developing a visitor's center, greenways, trails, festivals, projects, educational initiatives, volunteer programs, and museums...all focused on celebrating the Lackawanna Valley's pivotal role in America's Industrial Revolution.

For more information, please visit www.lhva.org

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